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SUBJECT: US- USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT, MARINE POLLUTION,
PLANNING FOR VISIT USSR REPRESENTATIVES TO US

1. CAPTAIN S. A. WALLACE, CHAIRMAN, MARINE POLLUTION WORKING GROUP US/ USSR BILATERAL AGREEMENT ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, PRESENTLY IN LONDON AS MEMBER US DEL TO MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING AT IMCO. MR. V. DUBCHAK, WH HAS CORRESPONDING ROLE FOR USSR WITH RESPECT MARINE POLLUTION ASPECTS OF BILATERAL, ALSO IN LONDON AS USSR REP TO MSC. THIS AFFORDED IDEAL OPPORTUNITY FOR DISCUSSION OF PLANS FOR FORTHCOMING VISIT OF USSR REPS TO US. MEETING HELD ON 28 MARCH WITH ASSISTANCE RUSSIAN MEMBER IMCO SECRETARIAT. CONSIDERED GREATLY BENEFICIAL BY BOTH SIDES. CLARIFICATION OF USSR DESIRES ON VISIT ARRANGEMENTS OBVIOUSLY HAD BEEN NEEDED AS CERTAIN MISCONCEPTIONS OF USSR DESIRES AND RESULTING US EFFORTS TO COMPLY HAD ARISEN, NOT WITHSTANDING EXCHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE. EARLY ACTION REQUIRED BY US WORKING GROUP TO ADJUST VISIT ARRANGEMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH FOLLOWING.
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2. BACKGROUND.
A. DUBCHAK NOT AT ALL DISTRESSED WITH PRESENT US NEED TO ADOPT PRINCIPLE THAT VISITING SIDE PAYS OWN EXPENSES. HE CONSIDERED THIS A MINOR MATTER. QUITE CONTENT TO PAY OWN WAY AND HAVE FIRST US VISIT ON SAME BASIS. SUGGESTED THAT PERHAPS IN LONG TERM RECEIVING SIDE PAYS MIGHT BE WORKED OUT AS PERMANENT ARRANGEMENT BUT THIS MERELY REPRESENTED A PREFERENCE FOR FUTURE PLANNING, NOT A GOAL.

B. EXCHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE HAS SPOKEN IN TERMS OF THREE DAY COMBINED MEETING IN MAY OF OIL INDUSTRY SPECIALISTS AND SHIP OPERATIONS SPECIALISTS TO BE FOLLOWED BY INDEPENDENT PROGRAMS FOR THE TWO GROUPS. DUBCHAK MADE ABUNDANTLY CLEAR THAT COMBINED MEETING WAS NEITHER CONVENIENT NOR DESIRABLE. EXPRESSED STRONG PREFERENCE FOR ENTIRELY INDEPENDENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE TWO GROUPS OF SPECIALISTS. INDICATED THAT DR. KARAYEV, HEAD OF WORKING GROUP OF PETROLEUM ENGINEERS, AGREES WITH THIS VIEW. DUBCHAK KNOWS OF NO INTENTION ON USSR PART TO SEND OIL INDUSTRY SPECIALISTS IN MAY. BELIEVES THE VISIT OF TWO SPECIALISTS IN APRIL AS DESCRIBED BY KARAYEV LETTER OF 27 FEB. IS ONLY VISIT OF USSR OIL INDUSTRY SPECIALISTS PRESENTLY CONTEMPLATED.

C. DUBCHAK SAID THAT AT LEAST ONE USSR REP AT MAY MEETING WOULD HAVE SOME KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH BUT WOULD NOT BE CAPABLE OF INTERPRETING FOR OTHERS. USSR UNABLE TO PROVIDE INTERPRETER IN MAY AND THEREFORE MUST DEPEND ON US TO SUPPLY THIS SERVICE.

D. USSR RELUCTANCE TO DISCUSS ARCTIC OIL POLLUTION SUBJECT BASED SOLELY ON FACT THAT NO WORK HAS YET BEEN UNDERTAKEN BY USSR TO DEVELOP PREVENTION METHODS AND RECOVERY TECHNIQUES STRICTLY FOR APPLICATION IN ARCTIC. HOWEVER, HE STATED THIS WORK WILL SOON BEGIN WITH HIGH PRIORITY AND USSR HOPES TO DISCUSS PROGRESS AT SOME FUTURE MEETING. USSR REPS WILL BE HAPPY TO RECEIVE A BRIEFING IN MAY ON US INITIATIVES ON ARCTIC POLLUTION.

E. DUBCHAK PLEASED AT US READINESS TO ACCEPT VISIT OF TWO WEEK DURATION. HE COMMENTED THAT US VISIT TO USSR SHOULD ALSO BE TWO WEEKS. HE BELIEVES ANY SHORTER PERIOD SIMPLY DOES NOT ALLOW SUFFICIENT TIME TO ACCOMPLISH ENOUGH TO JUSTIFY TRAVEL OVER DISTANCES INVOLVED.

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F. CHANGE OF DATE FOR MAY MEETING AS PROPOSED IN US LETTER OF 21

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MARCH QUITE AGREEABLE TO DUBCHAK. HE INDICATED THAT ARRIVAL DATE MAY VARY ONE DAY EITHER SIDE OF 14 MAY BECAUSE OF AIRLINE SCHEDULING AND WILL ADVISE OF PRECISE ARRIVAL DATE APPROXIMATELY 1 MAY.

G. DUBCHAK RELUCTANT TO DISCUSS IN ANY DETAIL THE PROGRAM FOR MAY VISIT. HE SEEMED CONTENT WITH INFO PROVIDED IN US ORIGINAL COMMUNICATION ON SUBJECT. HE DID EXPRESS INTEREST IN USSR REPS VISITING PORTS AND INSPECTINH SHORE RECEPTION FACILITIES AND TREATMENT PLANTS. GAVE IMPRESSION THAT ANYTHING US ARRANGED WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE. STATED VIEW THAT FUNDAMENTAL PURPOSES OF FIRST VISIT BY EACH SIDE ARE TO GET ACQUAINTED WITH COLLEAGUES ON OTHER SIDE AND TO ESTABLISH AREAS OF MUTUAL INTEREST SO AS TO PLAN FUTURE WORK PROGRAM.

H. DUBCHAK EXPRESSED ONLY ONE CONCERN ABOUT LOGISTIC ARRANGEMENTS.
THAT CONCERN WAS LOCAL TRAVEL IN EACH PLACE VISITED IN VIEW OF LACK IN US OF EASILY ACCESSIBLE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION.

3. WE RECOMMEND ACTION:
A. US CHAIRMAN OIL INDUSTRY WORKING SUBGROUP SHOULD TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO PLAN FOR VISIT OIL INDUSTRY SPECIALISTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH KARAYEV LETTER OF 27 FEB. AND SUBPARA 2 B ABOVE. IF HE HAS NOT ALREADY CONTACTED KARAYEV, STRONGLY RECOMMEND HE DO SO.

B. PROGRAM FOR VISIT IN MAY OF THREE USSR SPECIALISTS FROM MINISTRY OF MERCHANT MARINE SHOULD BE ORIENTED EXCLUSIVELY TO POLLUTION PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH SHIP OPERATIONS. SCHEDULE PROPOSED BY US LETTER OF 26 FEB. IS ACCEPTABLE WITH EXCEPTION SAN FRANCISCO BUT MUST BE EXPANDED TO ACCOUNT FOR ADDITIONAL WEEK. PHILADELIHIA MIGHT CONSTITUTE SUITABLE PORT FOR VISIT IN VIEW SUBPARA 2 G ABOVE. ADEQUATE TIME SHOULD BE ALLOWED FOR RELAXATION, SOCIAL EVENTS, AND VISITING POINTS OF INTEREST.

C. POSITIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR INTERPRETATION FOR ENTIRE TWO WEEKS SHOULD BE MADE.

D. BRIEFING BY US OF ARCTIC TEST PROGRAM SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN MAY PROGRAM.

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E. ARRANGEMENTS FOR LOCAL TRAVEL SHOULD BE MADE FOR EACH PLACE TO BE VISITED. THIS SHOULD INCLUDE OCCASIONAL AVAILABILITY CAR AND DRIVER FOR INCIDENTAL SHORT TRIPS WHICH USSR REPS MAY WANT TO MAKE FOR PERSONAL BUSINESS OR RECREATION.

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